

## Brie-A-Brac.

The Eiffel tower in Paris is not nearly so high as the hotel rates there.—*Troy Telegram.*

HAVING without sunshine is harder than making bricks without straw.—*Manchester Union.*

A MEN out West has just laid an egg as big as a bowl. First time we ever heard of a bowl-laid egg.—*Cleveland Sun.*

WHAT'S the name of your stylistographic pen? The Anarchist. It's a very appropriate name, had you not? Because it won't work more than one day in a month.—*Epoch.*

"THINGS do even up pretty well in this world, as a rule," mused the paragraph man. First I make a little joke on hash and then the compositor makes a hash out of the little joke.—*Terr-Haute Express.*

BOSTON HEIRERS: "I'm afraid it is not for me, but for my money, that you come here so often." Ardent wooer: "You are cruel to say so. How can I get your money without getting you?"—*Boston Courier.*

BOARDERS (cracking an egg): "Well, I declare! Waiter, (suddenly): "What is the matter? Why this egg has a hole in it?" Waiter: "Pooh, that's nothing; gentlemen's yistidly had a chicken."—*Detroit Free Press.*

"Is there anything I can do for you?" asked Mrs. Cumso, tenderly, when her husband was suffering from a severe cold. "What do you want?" "I want the earth," gasped Cumso, as he again leaned over the rail.—*New York Sun.*

OLD LADY: "I believe the Cape May boat leaves this pier, does it not?" Pierman: "Yes, ma'am; it leaves at very trip. Never knew it to take it over with it yet." "What have been getting on for forty years come this June?"—*Tid-Bits.*

MRS. STRAIGHT: "Why, Joshua! here you are reading the Sunday papers, after preaching against them this morning." Rev. Mr. Straight: "Oh, my dear, I'm not reading the news. I'm just reading about Sullivan and Kilrain."—*Laurence American.*

DOCTOR'S WIFE: "I understand that Dr. Carell confines himself strictly to office practice." Old doctor: "Yes; that is why he succeeds. People who are able to walk to an office are generally strong enough to get well without help."—*New York Weekly.*

LITTLE BOY: "Our cook has gone away, and I'm awful glad. Now mamma will have to make the cake, and mamma's cake is always heavy." Guest: "Well, I declare! Do you prefer heavy cake?" Little boy: "Yes'm. You got more chewing in one piece."—*Epoch.*

"ARE you going to the game to-day, Brown?" asked a traveling man of a friend. "No; there's no reason why I should." "Why not?" "I've got a bowl watch at home. It's been five months old, and an even score up to the present time."—*Merchant Traveler.*

"Oh, papa," said a vivacious East Liberty girl; "we want a good name for our young ladies' club. Can you think of one at once significant and appropriate?" "Well, I don't know," replied the old man. "How would 'Giddy'ums' Band' do?"—*Pittsburgh Chronicle.*

"Do you belong to the Salvation Army?" he asked of a stern-visaged woman who stood at his side. "No, sir; I do not. But in this generation of tired men," she added, with a withering glance at the row of sitting males, "I seem to belong to the standing army." She got a seat.—*Harper.*

"WHAT kind of a circus ring is that you've got on?" asked the old man, as he came into the store. "It's a blazer, sir," faltered the young clerk. "Oh, a blazer, is it? Well, if you don't get it, you'll be sorry. It's a minutes you can consider yourself fixed." Only a minute was needed.—*Terr-Haute Express.*

A MAN last Sunday was about to lay his hand upon the door of the church, when a little girl in the street said: "You can't get in there, mister." "Why not?" he said. "Isn't this a church?" "Yes," said the little girl, "but the preacher has gone to Europe for six months and taken God with him."—*Detroit Tribune.*

MRS. SKINNIP (anxiously): "James, I am alarmed about my money. It has been away all the afternoon. I am afraid it is lost." Mr. Skinnip (after a moment): "It's more likely he has run away for good. And it's been only three weeks since I had that boy vaccinated." (Gloomily): "Cost me a dollar."—*Chicago.*

"THIS horse I bought of you, sir, I find has the string-halt in one of his hind legs." "Yes, sir. If you want to exchange him for a horse that has a more symmetrical action I can let you have one that has the string-halt in both hind legs. No? Well, I told you he was a high stepper. Good day."—*Chicago Tribune.*

"YOUNG MAN," said the rich member of the church to the new pastor, "you ought to have been a pugilist instead of a preacher." "Why? I don't understand you, sir," replied the minister, who was naturally quick and tactful. "You ought to be simple; it is desirable in a pugilist to be long-winded."—*Merchant Traveler.*

"GEORGE," said a young lady, as she was walking past the treasury department, "isn't it too bad that there's such a surplus in the government's hands?" "Yes," said George, "it's a good thing. But I don't know," she said, as a street-sweeper rounded a corner. "I don't know," replied George, absently; "maybe it's the cackling of the eagles that are locked up inside there."—*Washington Capital.*

EMILY SOLOREX is English from her feet up, mouth and all, and speaks English at that. She can speak the language well enough, but will occasionally drop an h, or an air broad cockney dialect. Once, when she and DeWolf Hopper were dining together, she almost garbled him by calling out: "Wyster, wyster, you pose up the grypes?" "She means grapes," explained Hopper to the staring waiter. "Bring her green ones, and you will hit it either way."—*Stage.*

"WELL," said Uncle Hiram, who used to belong to a singing club in his early days, "I never heard a woman play like the woman we heard in Boston that night. It was just awful. My ears ache even now." "Yes," replied his nephew, "she was rather loud, that's a fact. But then, her execution was perfect," he exclaimed. "No, no," she said, as he seized his nephew by the arm, "you don't mean to say that they went so far as that? Well, 'tisn't for me to judge them. I only heard her once. It seems terrible now. But I don't know. They had to listen to her every night. And they won't have to hear her again. Perhaps it is all for the best, George."—*Boston Transcript.*

They tell us that photography is coming into use among physicians. A series of instantaneous pictures represent a patient, a man who is enjoying an attack of rheumatism would be exceedingly edifying. The exact expression of his face when the agony starts in with a "Hoopla!" and when it has tied him up in a howl would be invaluable. But, after all, the photograph is the only instrument that can do justice to such a case. It is not the expression of the face, but the expressions that fall from the patient's lips, that tell the story. The photograph would immortalize the eloquent remarks of the victim when the twinge clutches his nerves, and he would probably be surprised at his own command of language when—during convalescence—he started the machine and listened to what he had said.—*New York Herald.*

The total loss at Johnstown, Penn., reported to date, including individual losses and the losses of boroughs, schools, private corporations and fire companies, is \$7,894,064. There should be added to this total \$701,000, estimated loss not yet reported, making a grand total of \$8,595,064. The state relief commission has decided to at once distribute \$500,000 among the Johnstown sufferers on the basis presented in the report of the Johnstown board of inquiry—that is, \$1.00 to each sufferer, in proportion to his losses and his ability to stand them.

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table work at Franconia, N. H. Miss Louise Houghton is at the Goodno house at the same place. The Adventists held their meeting at the residence of Rev. F. S. Porter. The newly-elected directors of the Northfield Aqueduct Company are E. S. Stebbins, Amos Plaquette, Mrs. J. S. Daniel, clerk, and J. H. Beardsley, secretary, William Davis, auditor, J. F. Severance. Will Woodbury is at work at his trade at St. Johnsbury. Mrs. J. S. Dane was called last week to Jericho to see her son, Eugene, who is severely injured by being thrown from a wagon. He remained unconscious several hours. At last accounts he was more comfortable. The Northfield Library Association has purchased several new volumes.

PLAIDFIELD.—Eugene Hoyt returned home from Fort Payne, Alabama, last Friday evening, to remain until cooler weather. The Good Templars' soiree, last Friday evening, was well attended. The demand for ice-cream was such that the supply was exhausted. Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Booth of Northfield, who were in town last Saturday, Mr. Booth is actively engaged in his work as supervisor of schools. Eddie Fisher is expected back this week, after a brief vacation at his home in Bethel. A reward of \$100 is offered for the apprehension of a burglar who, on Washington, D. C., last Monday Rev. and Mrs. Farnsworth, with a few of their invited friends, visited Woodbury pond, and returned with an abundance of pond fish. The school directors of the Northfield Congregational church held a sociable and ice-cream festival on Tuesday of last week in their hall. The rain prevented a large attendance.

WATSFIELD.—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benton and two sons of Vergennes are visiting their friends in town. Mrs. Hoyt Parker of Wakefield, Mass., is spending a few days at W. G. McAllister's. L. D. Straight, who is in the western tour, and reports a very pleasant time. Some evil-disposed person or persons broke down a Washington maple which was planted by the school children of Israelville on the centennial of Washington's inauguration. The school directors offer a reward of \$10 for the conviction of the miscreants.

EAST WARREN.—This is a most discouraging time for farmers. Very little good hay has been harvested, and much of it has been badly damaged by the rains. Much of the standing grass has become rusty from the heat and the heavy dews. Many farmers have not yet commenced haying. Hay is scarce and wages high, and with butter at fifteen cents a pound the outlook is not encouraging, to say the least. There has been quite an improvement in the corn and oat crop since the heavy rains. It is hoped that we could have less rain the prospects would improve very much in a few days. Very few apples will be raised in this vicinity—not nearly enough for home consumption. There are several cases of mumps in this locality. G. A. R. Bragg has gone to Montpelier to care for Colonel E. P. Jewett. Mr. Bragg is a first-class nurse.—James Cardell is on the sick-list.

WATERBURY.—On Thursday next fifty fresh children are coming here to stay for two weeks. They are going to Colbyville. E. J. Groat has gone to Winoski to work in the mill. He was engaged for three years. Misses Ida and Jennie of Topsham, Kansas, who have been here for two months, have returned home. Paul Stranahan, who has been very sick, is improving and is able to go out. Del Burleigh, wife and son, are in town. Mrs. Burleigh intends to return during the summer. Burnie Fullerton returned to New Haven last Monday morning. J. K. Fullerton is going to Fort Payne this week to look after his interests there. Mrs. Kate Henry of New Haven, Conn., is visiting here. Willis Talbot went to Plattsburg, N. Y., last Saturday to visit his wife, who has been very sick there for some time. He reports her a great deal better, and feels hopeful of her final recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Rickford and children of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moody. Farmers are hopeful at last of good hay weather, and are improving their opportunity. All crops in this section are looking finely. A benefit concert will be given at the orchestra at Hotel Hall on Friday evening, the 19th instant. An interesting programme is assured, and the entertainment will close with a social supper. Fred Lane has returned from a two weeks' vacation. Miss Jessie Ashley is here for a brief vacation. Nat. Hutchins (merchant tailor) and family of Boston are in town, visiting relatives at the Center. Mrs. Hutchins and children will make a extended visit. Dr. Minard is rapidly pushing to completion his new house on Main street. T. H. Reeves, father of Mrs. Harvey Henry, is here for a five or six weeks' visit. Mrs. M. E. Snullie and her family are visiting at the Center. Mrs. William Ashley is home from Nahant, Mass. Dr. U-ta-wan has been holding forth here a week, and intends to remain a week longer. The doctor is no more in a hurry to do what he can in the way of relieving afflicted humanity. It would seem that one need not have a very extensive acquaintance with natural history to distinguish robins from birds of paradise "on very slight inspection." A young man of unusually quick perception, with a penchant for birds, provided they are sweet and fair, was, however, amusingly "taken in" the other day. He discovered a brace of what seemed to be *parus* perching along the streets, and following movements with anxious and eager interest. But an instant later he was much chagrined to find, in the specimens that had enlisted his attention, some unusually sprightly robins, those birds of early spring song, who had been in his calm serenity somewhat rattled by the discovery.

WATERBURY CENTER.—Mrs. Charles Lord of Winoski has been spending a few days at Deacon Pratt's. Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Hammet and son of Boston are spending the summer at W. E. Marsh's. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. E. A. Hutchins Saturday afternoon, July 20. The Loyal League is invited, and it is hoped all members will be present. A committee of three has been appointed to make arrangements for the relief of the sufferers. The ice-cream supper at the Methodist church was a success financially, a large number being present. Charles Davis and wife and Merton Davis spent last week with their father, O. W. Davis. Mrs. Julia E. Robinson left Monday morning to go into camp at Berlin pond for the summer.

SOUTH WOODBURY.—Mrs. Moses Celley died last Saturday and her remains were interred in the cemetery here on Monday. Charles Tyson of New York, with his family, arrived at Samuel Benjamin's last week.

Orange County.

BRAintree.—The hay crop promises well if farmers can have favorable weather for haying. Pasture feed is abundant. In some localities grasshoppers are plenty, but the weather has kept them in check and they have not done much damage. Grain and potatoes are looking well. The weather has been too wet for corn. There will be a light crop of apples, hardly more than one-fourth as large as that of last year. Turkeys are not doing well. The creamery is doing a good business, consuming between three and four thousand pounds of milk per day. Mrs. Fanny Bryant is at home on account of sickness. Salmon Williams has just returned from New York stopping with him for a week. Mrs. C. A. Adams is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. Mann.

BROOKFIELD.—Rev. A. J. Lyman of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is spending a few days in town, is expected to preach at the Second church on Sunday. The boys who had such a narrow escape in the accident of the Fourth, caused by the explosion of powder, are all recovering, and it is hoped that none of them are permanently injured. Among the arrivals at the past week are Mrs. Frank McWhorter of

Barre, Mrs. Arthur Lyman of Rutland, with their children, and Mrs. Dr. Partridge of Cambridge, Mass., all of whom are to spend some time at the hotel. The Adventists of Clark already have twelve summer boarders and others are expected soon. Urial Clark, Jr., who has been on the sick-list of late, is improving. Mrs. Dea. Clark is much better in health. The Rev. Mr. Peck has returned from a visit of a few weeks in Massachusetts. Mrs. Marcus Peck is spending some time at the sea-shore for the benefit of her health. The beautiful little pond at the village has been resorted to by the school children, in season, by pleasure and fishing parties. Miss Raymond's fine summer cottage is unoccupied again this summer.

CHESLEE.—Friday, July 12, was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Lyman of Plainfield, and their relatives and friends, to the number of about one hundred, paid them a visit in the afternoon, bringing a good number of very acceptable presents. The affair was a very enjoyable one, and was made the more pleasant by the appearance, late in the afternoon, of the eldest son, Oren, from Rhode Island, thus completing the circle of eleven living children. Dwellers on the Vershire road were treated to something of an excitement last Saturday night, when H. F. Mattoon was returning home, about half-past ten, he was overtaken by a runaway horse, and went back to find the owner. He roused his brother and some of the neighbors, and after some search they found the remains of a buckskin in one place and of a barrel of flour in another, but no trace could be found of the driver of the team. They were now thoroughly alarmed and continued the search in vain until about half-past one, when the man appeared from some unknown quarter, and proved to be a young man formerly residing in this village, but now in Vershire. He could give no satisfactory account of the driver of an excursion last Saturday night, and it was suspected that an alcoholic explanation would not be far from the truth. Frank H. Keneson has finished his term of service with Townsend & Dickinson and has begun work as teller in Bank. H. R. Bixby has bought of Mrs. R. E. Bixby a house on Main street, opposite the West Hill meeting house. Miss Belle A. Denmore is at home from Lowell, Mass., on a vacation, and Miss Annie A. Wilson, now of Lynn, Mass., is in town. Tracy's, now of Lynn, Wymann of Des Moines, Iowa, with his wife and three children, is at J. E. Morris'. Everybody is congratulating Mrs. Janet Clark over her final success in obtaining a widow's pension of \$12 per month, which she received last Saturday. Rev. R. C. Lansing of Newton, Mass., preached at the Congregational church last Sunday, and will also officiate next Sunday. Mrs. Orent Bixby is very ill, and it is feared that she will not survive. Mr. Marston has the same disease. W. W. Calder and family removed to Barre this week. They are all sorry to have them leave. Byron Berry has returned from South Royalton and will work in the shop. Mr. R. E. Bixby is at home.

NEWBURY.—July 9, at the residence of the bride, Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston, ex-president of the Massachusetts senate, and Mrs. Louise F. Wheeler were married. Rev. S. L. Bates officiating. The bride was elegantly dressed. Presents were numerous and of great value. The house was profusely decorated with flowers, roses and water lilies predominating. At the close of the ceremony the guests partook of an elegant dinner. The happy couple took the train for Montreal, leaving the house and a shower of rice. The moon will be spent in visiting the watering-places of the Dominion. Mrs. J. M. Chadwick of Mackinaw, Mich., formerly of this place, has been visiting at Ezra Chamberlain's. Mrs. S. L. Bates has returned from her visit to Underhill. Mrs. J. B. Lawrie has returned from her visit to Portland and Marblehead. Mrs. C. M. Atkinson, son and daughter, have returned from their summer home. Mrs. Henry Keyes and family are occupying their summer residence. At the annual school-meeting in district No. 3 George B. Hatch was elected committee, and a tax of fifteen cents on the dollar and the school tax were levied. District No. 3 elected T. C. Keyes, Sherburne L. Swazey and John P. Garland as committeemen. A tax of seventy-five cents was voted and thirty-six weeks of school were ordered. Mr. C. A. Atkinson of Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending the summer with his sister, Mrs. J. B. Lawrie. Mrs. Frank Kelton of Plainfield is visiting at D. P. Kimball's. Rev. George I. Bard of Oxford, N. H., spent last Sabbath at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lawrie, with his schoolmate, Mr. Barney of Chicago, and Alex. Nelson are camping at Talton's pond, Piermont, N. H.

EAST RANDOLPH.—Clyde Moulton has returned from Greenfield, Mass., where he has been at work. Dix Camp is putting up a new building for a new sawmill, which he will build at once.

WATTS RIVER.—Mrs. H. N. Payne is on the sick-list. Dr. Darling of North Ryegate is attending her. Daniel Rowland of East Corinth was in town buying wool a few days ago, paying twenty-four cents a pound. The school closed in district No. 1 a week ago last Friday. Rev. L. H. Elliot presented the cause of the Vermont Bible Society at the Methodist church on Sunday, the 7th. Rev. S. C. Van and family returned last Thursday. He occupied the pulpit at the church. George P. Steele from Yale College, son of Mrs. Louisa Steele of Denver, Col., was in town last week visiting friends. Mrs. Emily Tugard of East Topsham made a brief visit to the Center last week. Mrs. Orange Dodge has gone to Royalton for a stay of several weeks. Robert Richardson has recovered his health and is again on duty in Orange Dodge's store. Willie Richardson is slowly recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

WASHINGTON.—J. F. Alston of Tufts College is to preach at the Universalist church until October 1st. Music will be furnished by a male quartette. The Mite Society meets with Mrs. J. F. Calf to-day (Wednesday) evening. Mrs. Sophia Huntington and daughter, Mrs. Kimball of Union Village, are visiting friends in town. Nellie Kinzie celebrated her sixteenth birthday last Thursday by inviting a few friends to tea. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Newscomb of North Haverhill, N. H., were in town Saturday. Nettie LeBaron of Elmore is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Brown. Barron and Alice Dwinell of Taunton, Mass., are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Barton. Miss Anna Brown of Gaysville is visiting Mrs. Calf. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Day of Barre were in town Sunday. Nettie Watson of Barre is visiting her mother, Mrs. Carrie Watson. Mrs. McIntyre (nee Della Barton) of Anson, Maine, is visiting at William Wilson's. Mabel and Edith Hanson, who have been attending school in Boston the past year, are at home for their vacation. John Page has purchased the gristmill. George Parker, formerly of this place and for many years a resident of Astoria, Oregon, died recently, at the age of sixty-two years.

WEST FAIRLEE.—The post-office has again crossed the street and is to be found in its old place in E. P. George's store. E. F. Dudley is postmaster. Mr. Simpson was thrown from his carriage, last week, the breaking of the front axle. He was somewhat bruised about the face and shoulders, but received no serious injury. He is considering that he was driving a spirited horse, and that he was not so much to be blamed. The well-known single buggy was so badly used up that he will ride in it no more. The horse escaped injury.

ED. Whitney and wife (formerly Clara Jenks) are in town; also Will Eastman and wife.

WILLIAMSTOWN.—Among the pleasant items that come to us from Vermont towns are those of occasional gifts to the churches, or the towns themselves, by former residents who have been prospered elsewhere. Any one familiar with the history of many

of these towns for the last fifty years, and mindful of the good done by their churches and schools, will understand both how worthily such gifts are bestowed, and how helpful they are to those who yet remain, and are struggling to hold the ground against all the adverse influences of the day. Our Congregationalist church is fortunate in having such a friend and helper in the person of Mr. Joel Bass, long-time resident of the place, but for years past a citizen of Chicago. She has just made another of her generous contributions to the treasury of this church for the support of public worship, and a time of singing, too. Could she have seen, last Sunday, the faces—how few in number compared with those she has seen here in a much earlier day—all aglow, as the news of her kindness passed around, she would have made her own face radiant with gratitude that it was in her heart and power to thus cheer and materially help the old mother-church.—Rev. F. W. Hamblin had arranged an exchange next Sabbath with Rev. C. H. Foster of Plainfield, but now finds that circumstances will forbid it. Rev. L. Jones went to Boston on Monday last to meet his father, who was expected to arrive by steamer on Tuesday morning. The Rev. Mr. Jones will be in town on Monday next Sunday morning. Mrs. Norman Davis died on Friday morning last, in her eightieth year. After her long illness death came as a sweet release. Of her quite large family, but three (two sons and a daughter) are left. She was a woman of more than ordinary intelligence, of warm affections, and with a heart in sympathy with the best things, though her life for many years had been of the quietest, and known chiefly to her own family and friends. Return S. Davis, impelled thereto by the health of his family and scarcity of good help, is planning to return in September from his work in Salem, Mass., to his farm here. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bass, now of Ottawa, Kansas, are about to revisit the old home here. Mrs. Elizabeth Beckett Martin, now of Martineau, Ill., is on her way here, taking in friends in Washington, D. C., and Lebanon, N. H., in the trip. She is accompanied by her younger daughter, Dr. Gideon Dickinson's family of Milford, Mass., are the guests of his sister, Mrs. Annie M. Hubbard. Myron Flint is at home from New Jersey on a vacation. George Beckett has been ill of late with bilious fever. George Adams, son of the late John Adams, is at home from Belmont Falls, where he has been employed for some time in a distillery. A. M. Lyon of New York city has recently been visiting his sister, Mrs. Rice Davisport. Mrs. Thomas Poland, for months an invalid, is with friends in Watsfield.

Warren Lawrence expects to have the old Warren Pool house, the four tenements thereof are now occupied. The dull, rainy weather has continued so long that haying has been set back greatly, and the disengagement of farmers is retarded. Greason & Blisset, a new granite firm here, have been increasing their working force, and seem to have in them the making of a prosperous concern. They certainly do offer attractions to granite men and their families. Rev. F. W. Hamblin says he found himself "a social leper" during the early part of his late vacation on Cape Cod. This was owing to the fact that he had here contracted an old home by wire about as soon as he himself did. Harry Clough of Hanover, N. H., while bicycling through here on Sunday, was thrown from his vehicle and hurt so badly as to require medical assistance.

M. E. Houghton expects to have a new suit of clothes made and to be able to attend church, as O. H. Briggs has recently appeared clad in new raiment.

Caledonia County.

HARDWICK.—Albert Hoyt was taken to the insane asylum at Brattleboro on the 11th. It is thought he has softened of the brain, or present indications point to that result. He was supported by the town of Barre, having been a resident there several years past. Dr. Darling has begun work on his new residence. C. C. Collier and John King are going to do carpentry work being employed by a builder who has the contract for erecting extensive stone-sheds for a granite firm. Collier, it is stated, is to move his family there. We understand that the conditions for the establishment of a new granite quarry have been complied with, and Mr. Harris, formerly editor of the *Johnsbury Clipper*, and recently of the *Burlington Free Press*, is coming here to edit it. About five hundred subscribers have been secured. H. Warren bought the land sold by the town at auction on the 11th, paying \$17.50 per acre for it. D. W. Aiken, Jr., is now at home from Louisiana.

We understand that Tucker & Bunker are to begin the erection of a steam saw-mill on the site of the old mill, their recent purchase of timber-land in that place making it necessary. Dr. Darling recently purchased a fine Henry F. Miller piano of the square pattern, that style being considered the best by many musicians.

The hay crop, on account of the continued bad weather. Most of the crop must be overplowed before it can be harvested, even with the best of weather. The further continuance of warm, wet weather, such as we have had here the past week, will injure the potato crop. If damage has not already been done. Mr. and Mrs. David Strickland intend going to the coast this week. They expect to visit Portland and Cape Cod. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Atkinson of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting here. Work has been begun upon David Strickland's new residence here. Mason Hall of St. Johnsbury and E. P. Boardman of this place have charge of the work. The result of the recent severe cold wave in the country, but they have thus far failed to arouse sufficient public interest to secure a large attendance.

Essex County.

ISLAND POND.—Gideon Cromler, for some time past cook at the Stewart house, was arraigned recently before Justice Parsons on the charge of intoxication and fined \$5 for the same. He was fined on his employer, who was also brought before the court and fined \$20 and costs for a first offense. He appealed. J. H. Walbridge, school supervisor for Essex county, has announced that applicants for teachers' certificates will be examined at Guilford and Island Pond on Tuesday, July 23, at 9:30 a. m.

While Steve Maroney was driving across the Flat his colt freed itself from the express wagon and ran away. Maroney narrowly escaped a serious accident. Mrs. Whitcomb and family have moved to Barre.

Lamoille County.

EAST ELMORE.—W. S. Sillaway of Underhill was in town over Sunday visiting his parents. One of Willard Lawson's children is quite sick. Mrs. John Boyce and Mrs. Frank Sabin are also ill. The narrow escape of a resident of Rock Island in the place of the old Slayton mill. J. R. Parker and wife and George Morse and wife, who have been camping at Highgate Springs, have returned. Mrs. Morse is reported to be the champion fisher.

Windsor County.

NORTH POMFRET.—Chicks are selling for brothers at from fourteen to fifteen cents per pound. H. W. Vail is raising a crop of peas and oats for his silo. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vail are now in New Haven, Conn. At his old home, Mrs. Maurice Burnham and Mrs. Thomas M. McCarthy have each had slight shocks of paralysis. Sarah Thatcher, from Washington, D. C., is visiting relatives in

this place. Mrs. Flora Temple is at J. D. Hewitt's.

SOUTH ROYALTON.—George Bixby and family have moved to White River Junction. Ed Prindle of Worcester, Mass., is visiting his parents. Marvin Hazen is going to keep house, having rented the Smith tenement. Byron Berry has finished work for C. V. Abbott and gone into business at Chelsea. Charles Lyman is at work on the Congregational church. Quarterly meeting will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday. Presiding Elder Morgan will be present. Mrs. Pierce of Rochester is visiting her son, J. G. Ashley.

SHARON.—Mr. Chase and wife (nee Emma Marsh) from Philadelphia are at J. N. Marsh's. Miss Fannie Ladd has returned from Minnesota, where she has resided the past twenty years. Rev. Mr. Chamberlain preached a very able sermon last Sunday.

WEATHERSVILLE.—The Congregational church here, under Rev. J. N. Perrin's preaching, continue to increase, the largest number for years now attending. Haying is the work of the day now, and an immense crop is being cut. All crops are looking well.

FRANKSVILLE.—W. H. Hugg's taking a three weeks' vacation in Rockland, Mass. At a special town meeting, July 6, it was voted to exempt the Call mills from taxation for three years, provided they be put in operation. Repairs are already begun and the work will be completed as rapidly as possible. Over \$1,000 will have to be expended before the mills can be run. It means livelier times than this village has seen for years. Farmers are busy securing the hay crop, which is abundant and of superior quality. The continued wet weather has made them rather late, but unless another period of rain prevents the crop will yet be stored in good time. The wet weather has caused rust to affect corn somewhat, and potatoes are slightly affected. Corn, barley and other grains are looking well. Fruit is not specially abundant, yet there will be enough for home consumption. The Union Soapstone Company has left its quarry here, with all the improvements upon it and a quantity of stone cut, and gone to Franconia, N. H., having leased a quarry there. The Williams Company is doing a large business in its quarry this season. Some twenty men are employed and fifteen horses, with prospects of a still greater increase.

Summary of News.

Vermont.

THERE are four vacant scholarships at Norwich University.

The Bennington battle monument is now owned and ninety feet high.

A. H. Carpenter of Waterford has been granted a patent for a wind-mill.

The total amount of duties assessed at the port of St. Albans for the month ending June 30, 1889, was \$73,407.95.

A GERMAN peddler named Burnstin, of Burlington, hung himself in Con Sheehan's barn at West Milton last week.

A NEW tale mine is being developed in Chittenden, eight miles from Rutland. Experts pronounce the mine valuable.

SENATOR EDMUNDS and General Wells arrived in Burlington on Saturday from their Canadian fishing trip in good health.

CANNON BROTHERS of Pittsburgh, Penn., have taken possession of the iron mine at South Wallingford, twelve miles from Rutland.

FRIDAY morning Fitzgerald & Co.'s mill at Merry Gore was destroyed by fire from the engine-room. Loss \$5,000; partly insured.

GEORGE LAROCK, aged fifteen, working for Edson Ufford of Fairfax, committed suicide by hanging, last Friday, in a fit of despondency.

LEAH WOOD, one of the oldest residents of Brattleboro, died last Saturday, at the age of eighty-eight years. She leaves a widow and five children.

SECRETARY OF WAR PROCTOR, accompanied by his son, E. D. Proctor, and Private Secretary Patrick, departed for Washington last Saturday.

Mrs. HALLEY, aged sixteen, a recently married woman of Guilford, took a fatal dose of Paris green Thursday. She had been living at the house of E. T. Burdick.

The annual meeting of the Vermont and Boston Telegraph Company will be held at the Junction house, White River Junction, Wednesday, July 24, at 11:30 a. m.

The opening of the Sauveur School of Latin at the Union Academy, Brattleboro, was well attended last week. Most of the students came from out of the state.

The Fair Haven Marbleizing Slate Company recently quarried the slate and manufactured therefrom 4,700 feet of twelve-inch slabs, and put it down in Topeka, Kansas, inside of thirty days.

BARTON WORKS of St. Johnsbury was nearly killed by a steer in a pasture in Concord last week Wednesday. He was found unconscious on top of a rock. One leg was badly crushed.

LAST week Friday the house and barn owned by John Gibson, at Saumsville, were completely destroyed by fire. Nearly the entire contents of the buildings were destroyed. Loss \$2,500.

JUSTIN F. MACKENZIE, a generous citizen of Woodstock, has presented that village with a bronze fountain, which has been placed in the public square. It was made by the J. S. Mott iron works of New York.

ALBERT E. PILLSBURY, the well-known Boston lawyer and republican leader, was married last week Tuesday, at Newbury, to Mrs. Louisa F. Wheeler, the widow of Professor Wheeler, a classmate of Mr. Pillsbury at Harvard.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. C. KINSMAN of Rutland recently sent in his resignation as lieutenant-colonel of the Vermont National Guard, which position he has filled for several years, but he has been prevailed upon to withdraw it.

A serious incendiary fire at Readsboro, last week, consumed E. J. Bullock's store, building and contents, his tenement-house, the town hall, a tinshop, two dwelling-houses and two barns. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

MORRISVILLE is anticipating increased business activity in view of the establishment there of Stafford & Webster's large tanning business from Stowe, a process peculiar to that firm enabling them to turn out a certain kind of tanned skin.

A LITTLE over four months ago Charles Hadlock, station agent at East Thetford, absconded, his railroad, express and telegraph accounts being short \$1,000. He was arrested in Kansas City, a few days ago, and was lodged in jail at Chelsea last Friday.

In the course of enforcing the immigration law Mr. Stephen Foster, for the last fifteen years cashier of the National Bank of New York, who resides at Rock Island, just across the line in Canada, has been notified to change either his business or his place of residence.

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ST. AGNES' HALL, at Bellows Falls, which for twenty years has been run as a boarding and day school for young women, was closed permanently last week. Miss Hagood opened the school in 1869, and for fifteen years it enjoyed popularity and success, but for the past five years the number of students had gradually decreased, and the principal has considered it unwise to renew the lease.

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